

## ANOTHER CONTRACT IN SIGHT FOR SHIPYARD

Lowest Bid Submitted for Construction of Twelve Barges for Canal Commission.

## SIX COMPANY'S IN THE BIDDING

Local Plant's Estimate of \$276,000 Was Over Seventy Thousand Dollars Below Figures of the Next Lowest Competitor, and It Is Practically Certain Vessels Will Be Built Here.

The Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company was by far the lowest bidder on the construction of twelve steel dump barges for the Isthmian Canal Commission, estimates on which were recently opened in Washington. The company agrees to build the vessels for \$276,000 and to commence their delivery at Colon, Panama, within 213 days from the date of the signing of the contract and to complete the delivery within 274 days. The contract for the barges will be awarded within a few days and it is practically certain that the work will be given this yard.

Six shipbuilding companies submitted bids on the barges and the next lowest bid to that of the local yard was made by the Pusey & Jones Company, of Wilmington, Del. That firm agreed to build the vessels for \$349,251 and to commence their delivery at Colon within 194 days and complete it within 312 days. The third lowest bidder was the New York Shipbuilding Company, which agreed to build the vessels for \$345,000 and to commence their delivery at Camden, N. J., in 180 days and complete in 365 days. For Colon delivery of the barges the company bid \$352,000.

**Contract Recently Received.**  
About a week ago the local yard was awarded a contract by the Isthmian Canal Commission for building six steel dump barges at a cost of \$120,000. Work on these barges will be started in the immediate future and will be completed early next year.

The local yard recently completed six steel barges for the Panama Canal and they are now in service on the "Big Ditch." The yard has also built the hull of a sucker dredge for the canal work and is now building two shallow water dredges for the Commission.

## BOILER SHOP AT SHIPYARD TO BE ENLARGED

Work on Sixty-foot Addition to Building Will Be Started Tomorrow.

Work will be started tomorrow on the construction of a sixty-foot extension to the west end of the big boiler shop at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The extension will be of about the same height and width as the present building and will be built of brick and steel. When it is completed new machinery will be installed and the capacity of the shop will be increased considerably.

There has been a large increase of the work in the boiler making department during the past two years and the yard officials have long recognized the fact that the present shop is too small to accommodate the work of this department. Some time ago it was planned to enlarge the shop and plans for the extension were drawn and the contract for the work was let a short time ago.

The new ship carpenters' shop, which was constructed to replace the old wooden shop that was burned last Christmas day, has just been completed and is now in operation. Work on the other new shop at the yard is progressing rapidly and the building should be completed within a few months. This shop will be occupied by the sheet metal workers, plumbers, bell hangers and the workers department.

## CHIEF WALKER RESIGNS.

Bloodfield Chief of Police is Going to Richmond.

Chief of Police Walker, of the Bloodfield force, has tendered his resignation to Judge Tyler, of the Warwick Circuit Court to become effective on November 1. At this time it is not known who will be appointed to succeed him.

Chief Walker has accepted a position as the Richmond agent of the old Dominion Brewing Company, of this city, and will make his home in the State capital. He has been chief of the Bloodfield police force for two years and has done very good work for the county.

## Hard Times in Kansas.

The old days of grasshoppers and drought are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today, although a citizen of Coffey, in a Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "It was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

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## Social-Personal

Misses Frances and Nellie Gude are spending several weeks in Hinton, W. Va., as the guests of relatives.

Misses Myrtle and Estelita Dandridge and Miss Novella Nance have returned from Richmond, where they have been spending a week.

Misses Mary and Lorena Holt will leave tomorrow for their home in El Paso, New Mexico, after spending the summer here with their aunt, Mrs. Martha M. Holt, 139 Thirty-fourth street.

Mrs. Amelia Loebe of Philadelphia, who has been ill at the home of her son, Dr. Louis Loebe on Thirtieth street, is improving.

Mr. A. L. Powell left yesterday for New York, where on Monday he will wed Miss Agnes Lanning, of this city.

Mr. J. E. T. Hunter has gone to Washington and New York.

Miss Lottie Reese, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Mecklenburg county.

Mrs. Ella Respass, of Matthews county, is the guest of Mr. Rufus Powell, 411 Twenty-sixth street.

Mrs. John Meltz, of Richmond, is visiting her mother, Mrs. N. W. Harrison.

Miss Helen Barrett, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore and Washington, has returned home.

Miss Martha Coleman is ill at her home in East End.

Miss Helen Elliott, of Vinton, Ohio, is visiting her cousin, Miss Alice Clark, on the Boulevard.

Mrs. J. M. Mapp, of 2345 Chestnut avenue, has as her guest her mother, Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, of Belhaven.

Mr. H. J. Henry is ill at his home on Thirty-second street.

Miss Mary Payne, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Nannie Reynolds on West avenue.

Miss Edna Holmes is visiting relatives at Lowell, W. Va.

Mr. G. H. Baerns, of Baraboo, Wis., is the guest of his son-in-law, Mr. C. M. Secker, 2802 Madison avenue.

**Corporation Court.**  
In the Corporation Court yesterday Judge Harbison's time throughout the entire day was occupied with hearing the testimony and argument in the suit of B. H. Wilkins and Brother against Mrs. Emma F. Webster for the collection of bills amounting to \$200.

The trial will be concluded Monday. Attorneys Nollus and McMurran represent Mrs. Webster and Attorney Allan D. Jones is counsel for the plaintiff.

**Chief Scott and Bride Here.**  
Chief of Police Tabb Scott, of Lewisburg, W. Va., and his bride arrived in this city yesterday on their honeymoon. They will remain here for some time visiting the Exposition and other points of interest.

Chief Scott is well known to the local police and has visited here on several occasions. He caught the negro wife-murderer, Curtis Hammond, a year ago and turned him over to the local force.

**Trevillian-Caldwell.**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trevillian have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mabel L. Trevillian, to Mr. Vance O. Caldwell. The wedding will take place at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 12.

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## TWO CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS ENTER FIELD

Mayor Buxton's Announcement Followed by That of W. C. Stuart.

## BOTH SAY THEY ARE IN TO WIN

Primary Will Not Be Held Until Next Summer. So the Aspirants Have Plenty of Time to Wage War Against the Hon. W. A. Jones, the Present Representative.

Newport News has two candidates for Congress. Mayor Samuel R. Buxton yesterday morning announced that he would not offer for reelection, but that he would be a candidate against Hon. William A. Jones for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the First Virginia district.

In the afternoon, soon after the mayor's announcement became generally known, Mr. William C. Stuart authorized the Daily Press to say that he, too, would be in the race for the Congressional nomination.

Both announcements came as a distinct surprise, even to the people who are usually well informed where local politics are concerned. It was generally believed that Mr. Buxton would be in the mayoralty race again, and nobody seems to have suspected that either the mayor or Mr. Stuart was contemplating a try for Congressional honors.

## Mayor In Field to Stay.

In making his announcement Mayor Buxton said that he had been considering the matter for some time and had decided to enter the race with the determination to make a clean fight and to be in at the finish. He went on to say that he realized that it was rather early to begin a campaign, as the people had not begun to think about the matter yet, but that he believed it was not too early to let it be known that he was in the race.

The mayor's step leaves the field open for mayoralty candidates, and several announcements may be expected in the near future.

## Mr. Stuart Talks.

Mr. Stuart last night made the following statement to the Daily Press: "I am a candidate for Congress. I notice that Newport News has a mayor, S. R. Buxton, and that he has announced his candidacy for Congress. Newport News has two candidates then."

"I have had the matter under consideration for a long time, not, however, because it has been urged upon me by my friends; I have no friends who have ever made the suggestion to me."

"It is solely because of my own ambition to represent this district and because I believe I can accomplish something for the city of Newport News that I have determined to enter this contest. I believe there is work to be done in Congress for the benefit of Newport News and there is need of a worker there and I would like to do this work."

"I have a definite idea of what my platform will be, but have not, as yet, formulated any."

In connection for the principles for which I will stand, however, you may state that, irrespective of all general policies, the first consideration is, in my opinion, that the district should have a congressman who will above all other considerations have in view such policies as will advance the interests of the city of Newport News. For sixteen years or more Newport News has had no representative in Congress whatever."

"If I go there the advancement of all policies conducive to the building up of this great seaport city will be my first consideration. Newport News will rarely have a representative in Congress if I go there."

"I am in the race to stay, except that, if Hon. W. A. Jones beats out both Mr. Buxton and myself, if Mr. Buxton gets more votes in Newport News than I do, I will not run the next time; otherwise I am in the race every time until I win."

## The Present Representative.

The present representative of the First District in Congress is Hon. William A. Jones, of Richmond county, who has held his office for over fifteen years. Last year the first election since Newport News was added to the First District was held, and Mr. Jones won by overwhelming majorities in the primary and general election.

## Thompson Not Wanted.

Chief of Police Reynolds has received a letter from Chief Brinkley, of Suffolk, stating that Sam Thompson, the negro arrested here last Saturday night by Chief Reynolds and Sergeant Mitchell, is not wanted there for felonious shooting. The negro told the chief that the Suffolk authorities wanted him on that charge.

## Organize Football Team.

The boys of the High school have organized a football team and have elected Philip Murray captain. The team will meet the Hampton High school team and other teams during the season.

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## THEATRICAL

Those who gathered at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and last night—and unfortunately the house was not crowded on either occasion—saw one of the grandest and most beautiful plays ever presented in Newport News.

As adapted by William Lynch Roberts from the old verses of Wolfram von Eschenbach and Gretchen de Treves, "Parzifal," the sacred festival play, is a sublime beauty. Prevailing the words, full story is an atmosphere of mysticism which interests, inspires and almost awes. So deeply does one become absorbed in the story and action of the play that one almost forgets to applaud the excellent work of the actors. In fact the action is so realistic that the spectator at times forgets that he is not looking back into the past ages and seeing the people of the times.

The audience last night was so deeply interested in the play that after the final curtain had been drawn the house for several seconds and it was nearly a half minute before anyone moved. This probably was the most eloquent tribute a Newport News audience could pay a theatrical production.

The cast was an unusually capable and well balanced one and every part, no matter how small was in the hands of an artist. Mr. Conner made a very pleasing Parzifal. He ends his lines clearly and distinctly and when occasion demands he shows admirable emotional qualities.

Mr. Cotton ably handled the difficult role of Amfortas, Prince of Camelot, and Mr. Wilcox gave a striking and pleasing interpretation of the role of Gurnoy, the priestly chaplain of the Grail.

The acting of Mr. Kelvin in the role of Klingsor, Black Knight of Nocturne, was very reliable and left nothing to be imagined. The role of Kundry, fairest of all women, was in the hands of Miss Morris, a superbly beautiful woman. She handled her part in a capable manner and shared honors with Mr. Conner. The production was magnificently staged and some wonderfully rapid changes of scenery were executed particularly that of the transformation scene in the third act, when Parzifal rescued the sacred spear and by its magic power slew his enemies and filled their temples of beauty and grandeur.

Many beautiful electrical effects were used during the action of the play. Although for the most part very simple, the costumes were in keeping with the excellence of the production.

A comedy that is said to be in a field almost by itself, because of its bright dialogue, humorous situations, and original stage effects, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music on Saturday afternoon and night, October 26, when Oscar Fingman will be seen in "The Lightning Conductor." The play has a well drawn story and is said to command the attention of the audience from the start.

Hon. John Winston, a young English nobleman, assists a disinclined young



Oscar Fingman, appearing in "The Lightning Conductor."

lady in the personage of Mollie Randolph, an American girl touring abroad under the chaperonage of her aunt, from a temporary embarrassment with her auto car. Out of the Hon. John Winston's assumption of the role of Miss Randolph's chauffeur develops a series of interesting situations, partly comical, partly farcical and partly sentimental. A French fortune hunter, who is determined to marry the American heiress, finding James Brown, the masquerading chauffeur, interfering with his plans, works up a plausible charge of murder against him. Brown is accused of having done away with the Hon. Winston and appropriating his wardrobe and mail, as well as his identity.

E. A. Well is said to have given "The Lightning Conductor" a superb setting and his apparent abandon of expense is reported to be most noticeable in the second act, when an ideal French luncheon is presented; the interior of the chateau at Bois being shown in the third and the office and cafe of a hotel at Tours in the final act.

The sale of seats opens at the box office Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

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